**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

PS – Registration and Stamps – Allegations of misconduct in registering documents – Common Departmental proceedings against certain Charged Officers – Initiated - Article of Charges framed against Smt. M.V.Sudha Rani, former Sub Registrar, Kankipadu – Inquiry – Charge proved – Penalty of withholding of three Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect – Imposed –Representation filed by Smt. M.V. Sudha Rani – Examined –modify the penalty withholding of Three Annual grade increments with cumulative effect to One Annual grade increment with cumulative effect – Concurrence of the Commission obtained– Orders issued - Reg.

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**REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.RT.No. 1451** **Dated: 17-12-2019**

**Read the following :-**

1. From the C&IG, R&S, Lr.No.X2/16043/2009, dated 02-09-2010.
2. From the DIG, R&S, VJY Procgs.No.X2/228/2009, dated 10-06-2010.
3. G.O.Rt.No.1421, Revenue Vigilance (VI) Department, dated 29-9-2010.
4. From the C&IG, R&S, Lr.No.X2/16043/2009, dated 03-11-2010.
5. G.O.Ms.No.7, Revenue Vigilance (VI) Department dated 04-01-2011.
6. From DIG, R&S, VJY, Lr.No.E2/228/2009, dated 11-01-2012 with IR.
7. Government Memo No.42269/Vig.VI(1)/2010-3, dated 17-02-2012.
8. Rep of Smt.M.V.Sudha Rani, former SR, Kankipadu dated Nil.
9. Government Memo No.42269/Vig.VI(1)/2009-6, dated 06-09-2012.
10. From the DIG, R&S, VJY, Lr.No.X2/228/2009, dated 25-07-2013.
11. Government Lr.No.42269/Vig.II(1)/2010-11, dated 20-12-2014.
12. From the Secretary, APPSC Lr.No.90/RT/3/2015, dated 17-03-2015.
13. G.O.Rt.No.340, Revenue (Vigilance-II) Department, dated 30-04- 2015.
14. Review Petition dated Nil of Smt.M.V.Sudha Rani, former SR, Kankipadu received vide Lr.No.X2/16043/2009, dated 24-10-2018 pf D&IG, R&S.
15. Govt.Memo No. 42269/Vig.II(1)/2010-23, dated 29.07.2019.
16. Govt.Memo No. 42269/Vig.II(1)/2010-24, dated 29.07.2019.
17. O.A.No.148 of 2019 filed by Smt. M.V. Sudha Rani, former SR, Kankipadu.
18. Rep of Smt.M.V.Sudha Rani, former SR, Kankipadu dated 16.08.2019 with the endorsement dated: 26.08.2019 of Hon'ble Dy.CM(Rev.R&S).
19. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr C.No.574/DC&C/2019, dated 03.12.2019.

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**O R D E R :**

Whereas, It has been brought to the notice of the Government that in the misconduct of registering certain documents during the period from 16.01.2005 to 31.01.2007 at Sub Registrar Office, Kankipadu, Krishna District, without prior permission from higher authorities and without levying proper stamp duty, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada has initiated common departmental action against Certain Charged officers vide reference 2nd read above and framed the following charges against Smt. M.V.Sudha Rani, former Sub Registrar, Kankipadu in the above misconduct :

**Charge-I :** She has committed grave misconduct in as much as she, while discharging her duties as Sub Registrar, caused huge loss of Rs.4,25,150/- to the state exchequer by registering the documents with under valuation.

**Charge-II :** She has committed grave misconduct in as much as she, while discharging her duties as Sub Registrar, caused huge loss to the state exchequer by registering the documents with under valuation.

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2. During the pendency of the proceedings, one Charged Officer had retired from service, therefore Government has ordered for common enquiry against all the Charged Officers, reference 5th read above. The Inquiry Authority after conducting regular inquiry into the matter has submitted the Inquiry Report vide reference 6th read above and in respect of above Charged Officer, held both the charges framed against her as proved.

3. And whereas the Government after examining the same accepted the findings of the Inquiry Authority, have communicated the Inquiry Report and after following due procedure have imposed the punishment of withholding of three Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect against Smt.M.V.Sudha Rani, former Sub Registrar, Kankipadu, vide reference 13th read above.

4. Aggrieved by the above, Smt.M.V.Sudha Rani, former Sub Registrar, Kankipadu vide reference 14th read above has filed review petition, wherein while stating among other things she has requested to drop action against her. Government have observed that the Charged Officer has not put forth any new grounds to substantive her stand in the Appeal / Review Petition filed by her and accordingly, the Review Petition filed by Smt.M.V.Sudha Rani, former Sub Registrar, Kankipadu was rejected vide reference 15th read above. Further, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, was requested to furnish the details of the recovery of the balance amount of Rs.31,36,440/- from the parties concerned vide reference 16th read above. In the reference 18th read above, another representation filed by Smt. M.V.Sudha Rani, former Sub Registrar, Kankipadu, wherein, among other things wherein she has stated that her increments were not sanctioned from 01.03.2010 though as per Ruling 5 of Instructions under FR 24, increments can be sanctioned leaving the period of suspension and period of duty prior to suspension from the date of previous increments. She has finally requested to review the punishment imposed against her and to release the increments at an early date.

5. Government have reviewed the matter in detail and after following due procedure, have decided to revise the penalty withholding of Three Annual grade increments with cumulative effect to One Annual grade increment with cumulative effect. Further, concurrence has been obtained from the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission in this regard vide reference 19th read above.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby order to modify the penalty withholding of Three Annual grade increments with cumulative effect to that of One Annual grade increment with cumulative effect imposed on Smt.M.V.Sudha Rani, former Sub Registrar, Kankipadu.

7. The Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Vijayawada is directed to instruct the District Registrar concerned to release annual grade increments to Smt.M.V.Sudha Rani, former Sub Registrar, Kankipadu as per eligibility.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.D.SAMBASIVA RAO
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (CT, EXCISE & R&S)

To
Smt.M.V.Sudha Rani, former Sub Registrar, Kankipadu (**through:** the Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Vijayawada)
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Vijayawada.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Eluru.
Copy to:
The Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada.
The Revenue (Registration-I) Department.
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER